

BRITISH PIERCE GERMAN LINES; TAKE 7 TOWNS

Hindenburg Defences Are Shaken to Foundations by Mighty Blows.

TEUTONS START FIRES

Flames Taken to Indicate That Big Retreat Is Being Prepared.

FRENCH ALSO ADVANCE

Gains of Mile or More Made Along Front Extending for Twenty Miles.

LONDON, April 13.—Two mighty blows by British men and guns last night and today shook to its foundations the German defence of the entire northern half of the Hindenburg line. Field Marshal Haig announced to-night that the line had been broken at one point and that the British "have advanced astride the Hindenburg line" for several miles.

This statement reveals plainly the tremendous possibilities of the British victory. The British have actually turned the great Hindenburg line, proclaimed by the world as impregnable as Gibraltar. Now the security of this line, which has been the backbone of German strategy, is in jeopardy. The British have broken through completely and German disaster or retreat to the border will follow.

Already big fires are reported burning behind the German lines east of Arras. The Canadians can see them from Vimy ridge. In that region the Germans have only one single line left, not yet completely broken, and the British are in positions the British have taken in the last five days. The first indicate they intend to give it up.

SEVEN VILLAGES STORMED.

In the fighting of to-day and last night the British made great progress, second in extent only to the first onrush of Monday. The two attacks, delivered at separate points of the front, represent an advance averaging more than a mile—at some points twenty miles—on a front totalling twenty miles. Seven villages were captured, besides many other positions of equal or even greater importance. More prisoners and more cannon were captured. The British have captured and everything indicates still more progress when the word is given.

Today's attack was notable in many ways. It marked the extension of the front of attack on the old German line several miles to the north of the previous front. The British are now fighting northeast of Lens, and in the region of Lens, thus making a new front line. The total front of the Arras battle alone is now upward of fifteen miles.

This attack the Canadians and British took the Vimy ridge and its adjacent defences, swept forward, an irresistible force and wrested from the Germans a line of villages north and south of the ridge, thus making a new front line. The total front of the Arras battle alone is now upward of fifteen miles.

WIDESPREAD FIGHTING.

This formed the centre of the day attack. To the north the British stormed the village of Poligny, a small town, but a large one. It is a town rather than a village. To take it the Canadians fought through strips of wooded land and the ridge, thus making a new front line. The total front of the Arras battle alone is now upward of fifteen miles.

15,000 PRISONERS.

Though no detailed report of the number of prisoners has yet been made the total thus far known for the offensive taken on Monday is more than 15,000. No fewer than 150 guns have been taken. This is the greatest number of men and guns ever captured by an army on the western front in a trench offensive of this nature. The British have captured 15,000 prisoners and 150 guns.

KAISER CONSPIRED AGAINST U. S. IN 1898

Balfour Thwarted Alliance Aimed to Aid Spain.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Interesting diplomatic information not heretofore made public was disclosed in Entente circles today concerning the friendship which existed between the British Foreign Secretary and head of the British commission, bears to the United States.

KAISER REPORTED IN HOLLAND.

Arrives or Is Expected at Castle of Middelburg.

LONDON, April 13.—J. J. O. A. M.—According to an unconfirmed report received from a reliable source, the Kaiser has arrived at or is expected at the Castle of Middelburg, near Arnhem, Holland, says a despatch to the Times from the Dutch capital.

SECURITIES ABOARD BREMEN REPLACED

Guaranty Trust Reissues Coupons Believed Lost With Merchant U-Boat.

Brokers and bankers have started to replace securities which they believe have been lost on the Bremen, sister ship of the German submarine Deutschland. It was reported yesterday that the Guaranty Trust Company, as trustee under a certain railroad mortgage had consented to the reissue of some bond coupons which were shipped aboard the Bremen, of which all trace has been lost, in applying for the new coupons, the amount of which is withheld, the applicants were forced to put up an indemnity bond to protect the railroad issuing the new coupons should the old ones turn up. The applicant also made an affidavit stating that the coupons had been placed aboard the Bremen in the harbor of Bremen and that it was their belief that the submarine had been lost or destroyed. The bonds with the coupons detached were shipped by another route and arrived in this country.

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SEASIDE TO STAY BRIGHT.

No Reason to Dim Lights Yet, Says Secretary Daniels.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—At present there is no necessity for the dimming of lights at Coney Island, Far Rockaway, or at any of the seashore resorts on the Atlantic coast, according to the Navy Department. Reports that the Government contemplated such action are unfounded.

MEXICANS TEAR DOWN FLAG.

Strip U. S. Mail Wagon After It Crosses Border.

LAREDO, Tex., April 13.—The American flag was torn from a United States mail wagon when it crossed the border into Mexico. The wagon was carrying mail from Laredo to Mexico City.

EMPOWERS WILSON TO RUN RAILROADS

Adamson Reintroduces Measure for War Time Seizure.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Power for the President to order railway officials to operate any part of their rolling stock during the war was given today by the House Commerce Committee. The measure, reintroduced by Adamson, chairman of the House Commerce Committee, gives the President authority to control and operate all railroads, telegraph and telephone lines, and other means of communication, and to use the military service, to use the military in protecting the operation of railway lines and to increase the personnel of the Interstate Commerce Commission from seven to eleven members are included as the previous bill.

SIMS OF LINER THAT HIT MINE

American Admiral Went to England on Steamship New York.

IS POPULAR IN ENGLAND

Heads Mission of Naval Officers and Begins Conference With Admiralty.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, April 13.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims, U. S. N., heading a mission of American naval officers, arrived in England this week aboard the American Line steamship New York, which struck a mine while coming in.

He is here conferring with the British Admiralty and arranging for cooperation between the navies of the two countries, especially regarding the warfare against submarines, chasing down German sea raiders, patrolling the South Atlantic, conveying vessels across the ocean, and increasing the American merchant marine and other matters.

SIMS'S MISSION ABROAD.

Sent to England to Work Out Problem of Cooperation.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims, president of the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island, was sent to England to work out the problem of cooperation between the navies of the two countries. Sims is heading a mission of American naval officers, which includes Rear Admiral Charles D. Taylor, Captain John A. Mearns, and Lieutenant Commander John A. Mearns.

PLOT TO CRIPPLE TWO ROADS BALKED

Men Driven From Central and New England Crossings.

BREWSTER, N. Y., April 13.—What is believed to have been an attempt to stop up the long Central New England Railroad, Brewster, N. Y., near here, was discovered today. The Central New England Railroad freight train, while passing under the trestle about 4 o'clock this morning, saw twelve masked men crouching near the concrete abutments.

REPORTS RAIDER IN GULF.

British Steamer Sends Radio Warning to Galveston.

Galveston, Tex., April 13.—Information that a German raider was in the Gulf of Mexico was reported today in Galveston. This news was received from an unnamed British steamer in a radio message to a ship anchored here. The raider is said to be equipped with auxiliary power.

\$10,000,000 A YEAR FOR NEW YORK FARMERS; HOCHSTADT FORECASTS FIXING OF FOOD PRICES; WILSON PROCLAIMS WAR ZONES ON COAST

President Lays Down Rules for Approach of Ships to United States.

BARS ENTRY AT NIGHT

Liability for Damage Inflicted by Force of Arms Is Removed.

FISHING CRAFT INCLUDED

Senior Officer of Harbor Entrance Patrol Will Fix Regulations.

GOV. WHITMAN ALSO ACTS

Emergency Message to Ask \$250,000 Appropriation for Rural Census.

ALBANY, April 13.—A \$10,000,000 fund to finance the farmers of New York State so that this year they may raise the biggest crops their lands can produce has been raised as a patriotic measure by public spirited citizens.

Announcement of this was made today at a special meeting of the New York State Agricultural Society. Loans from the fund will be made to farmers at 4 1/2 per cent. The money is to be used in buying seed and fertilizer and paying for farm labor, and the money will be lent by local commissions representing local agricultural organizations.

Notes to Be Renewable.

Membership in a farm organization is not renewable. Any farmer who wishes to secure a loan, any farmer of this state or of any other state who is of good moral character will be accommodated. Notes are to be payable on September 1, but renewals will be granted so that the farmer will not have to sacrifice his crop by a sale in the fall, but can hold on to it to get winter prices.

Plan to Locate Seed.

The first step planned by the committee was to announce by Commissioner Wilson, who is to locate seed for potatoes, corn, wheat, and other crops, and farmers desiring it will be informed of the location and the price. This committee will meet at 10 o'clock Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

GERMANY WILL NOT INTERNE AMERICANS

Civilians to Be Permitted to Conduct Business.

BERLIN, via London, April 13.—There will be no internment of Americans in Germany. After a conference between the political and military authorities to-night it was announced that the German Government would treat Americans here on virtually the same lines as laid down in President Wilson's proclamation concerning the treatment of Germans in the United States.

ECONOMY AT CAPITAL.

Only Three Courses Served at Mrs. Hamilton's Dinner.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Led by Mrs. Wilson and the Cabinet women, the war economy movement inaugurated here has begun to show its first results. At a dinner given last evening to Secretary and Mrs. Lane by Mrs. Charles S. Hamilton, wife of Charles S. Hamilton of the Federal Reserve Board, only three courses were served. There were eighteen guests.

Two War Gardens in New York Park.

NEW YORK city is to plough up park sod to raise war food. Not much sod, it is true, and not much food, but Cabot Ward, Commissioner of Parks for Manhattan and The Bronx, announced yesterday that two model gardens will be ploughed and planted in Union Square by next Tuesday. One plot, 20 by 40 feet, will be designed as a model for the commuters' back yard. The other, 20 by 20, will demonstrate what can be done behind a city home.

ARGENTINESHIP SUNK BY U-BOAT

Went Down in European Waters—Was Fired On Twice.

Buenos Aires, April 13.—The Argentine sailing ship Monte Protezola has been sunk off the European coast, according to an official announcement made here today. The announcement was made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, who said he had received official information to this effect. The Government has ordered a complete inquiry into the sinking of the ship.

BRAZILIANS TO QUIT GERMANY

Pro-Ally Demonstrations Mark Day in Republic About to Enter War.

Rio Janeiro, April 13.—Dr. Lauro Muller, Foreign Minister, has called the Brazilian Minister in Berlin asking him to urge all Brazilians in Germany to leave the country within twenty-four hours. A decree has been issued withdrawing the exequaturs of the German Consuls. The Ministers of France, Great Britain and Italy conferred at length with Dr. Muller today.

TINOCO IS IGNORED.

De Facto Ruler of Costa Rica Not Recognized by U. S.

In spite of the offer made by Federico Tinoco, de facto ruler of Costa Rica, to put the waters and ports of that country at the disposal of the United States in the war against Germany, it was announced yesterday by Manuel Chacón Quesada, the Costa Rican Minister, that the administration at Washington has no intention of recognizing Tinoco's authority.

BOLIVIA BREAKS WITH BERLIN.

German Minister and Staff Are Handed Passports.

LA PAZ, Bolivia, April 13.—The German Minister and his staff have been handed passports by the Bolivian Government and asked if they would leave this country in its attitude toward the German Government. He was assured that it would not.

SPAIN NOW ROUSED TO THE POINT OF WAR

South American Attitude Slowly Swinging Madrid.

LONDON, April 13.—Spain is the centre of the war reports today because of the Government demand of an indemnity from Germany for the sinking of a Spanish ship which was under safe conduct. Spanish feeling is also aroused because South America seems about to take the side of the United States in the war. Spanish financial and commercial interests in South America are of the utmost importance, and the Government is determined to protect them.

MEXICO WON'T RESTRICT OIL.

Neutrality Indicated on Notification of Free Exports.

MEXICO CITY, April 13.—Official notification was given to-night by Alberto J. Pani, Minister of Commerce and Industry, that no restrictions would be placed on the export of Mexican oil from the Tampico fields.

KING GEORGE IS ECONOMICAL.

British Royal Family on Limited Rations Since February.

LONDON, April 13.—It is announced that the King and Queen, together with their household and servants, have adopted the scale of national rations. The curtailment of food in the royal household has been observed since early in February.

DRASTIC LAW IN SIGHT

Farmers' Conference at St. Louis Advocates Government System.

LICENSE IDEA IS FAVORED

Distillers and Liquor Dealers Appeal for War Tax on Grain.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Sweeping and drastic legislation to control the food supply of the United States is to be the outcome of the agricultural conference held in St. Louis at the instance of Secretary Houston. That maximum and minimum prices upon foodstuffs will be fixed is almost a certainty.

Advocate Tax on Grain.

The Secretary announced it would not be necessary to call another conference for the Eastern States, as was originally planned, because most of these States have been represented at St. Louis. The two most radical recommendations of the conference would be to embed in legislation the proposal to license all organizations handling foodstuffs in any way, and the proposal to fix maximum and minimum prices upon foods.

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The licensing scheme will include organizations of the farmers themselves and middlemen operating as commission merchants. The recommendation of the Government be clothed with authority to take over and operate such organizations if necessary is also likely to be embodied in this legislation.

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The Secretary said that the land grant colleges of the country would be an invaluable aid to the Government in the present crisis. The heads of these colleges should be asked to make a plan of a great national organization, which would be the sense of the conference that the Government should have in mind.

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The subcommittee was directed to report on the bill introduced by Senator Green to take the necessary steps to obtain shipwrecked foodstuffs from the United States from foreign countries. Senator Smith holds that agricultural production in the States falling upon the wheat harvest would be increased fourfold if the Government could increase the amount of grain.

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They proposed a tax on grain and other materials used for distillery purposes. This would tend to curtail the consumption of grain for this purpose. It was contended, and force was now being laid under bond. The committee said that such action was necessary for the manufacture of munitions and for the production of alcohol.

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It was not before the Senate committee on the subject, but the delegation offered the plan because they had been published reports that an effort might be made to stop entirely the manufacture of spirits during the war. They published reports that an effort might be made to stop entirely the manufacture of spirits during the war. They published reports that an effort might be made to stop entirely the manufacture of spirits during the war.